

Lanesboro City Council and Lanesboro Public Utilities

Joint Meeting

Monday, August 23, 2010

Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

Council:

Present: Steve Rahn, Tom Dybing, Vince Jeannette and Ceil Allen

Absent: Joe O'Connor

Utilities Commission:

Present: Jerry Evenson and Dennis Schuck

Absent: Joe O'Connor

Visitors: Mike Bubany of David Drown & Associates, Lisa Brainard, Jade Wangen, Robert "Butch" Culbertson and Tom Manion

JOINT MEETING:

The Joint City Council and Public Utilities meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Rahn.

AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with a motion by Dybing, second Evenson, motion carried.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the regular City Council meeting on August 2, 2010 were approved with a motion from Allen, second Jeannette, motion carried.

The minutes from the Public Utilities meeting on July 26, 2010 were approved with a motion by Schuck, second Evenson, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE JOINT COUNCIL:

Mike Bubany of David Drown & Associates – Electronic Bonds Refinance:

Bubany reviewed handouts noting that the present value savings for the refinancing of the 2001 Electric Revenue bonds and the 2004 Electric Revenue bonds would be approximately \$21,203. He felt that this would be an opportunity for the City/Utilities to save some funds and to combine two bonds into one. He also noted that the bond payments would be approximately the same and that the ending date would be the same. Dybing made a motion by verbalizing the resolution enclosed in the packets, stating that the City Council approves the issuance and sale of \$1,030,000 electric revenue refunding bonds, 2010A, second Jeannette, motion carried unanimously by the City Council.

Evenson made a motion on behalf of the Lanesboro Public Utilities approving the resolution stating that the Lanesboro Public Utilities Commission concurs with the action of the Council for the issuance and sale of said bonds, second Schuck, motion carried unanimously by the Lanesboro Public Utilities.

Mike Bubany of David Drown & Associates – Community Center and Street Lights – Tax Abatement:

Bubany explained that as he has been working on the City's ability to finance the Community Center project and the Street lights he has found that the City truly has the

capability to fund these projects along with the dam project. He also stated that the specific type of bonding authority that the City could use for the Community Center and Street Lights would be through the tax abatement process. He noted that the tax abatement would be processed mainly on paperwork, because the money to pay for the project would be assessed throughout the community and not to those properties that are listed under the tax abatement. He stated that this process has been used in other communities and would work well for this project. Bubany presented a schedule of events in his packet. He stated the first step would be to call for a public hearing for the approval of the property tax abatement. Allen made a motion to set a public hearing for the approval of a tax abatement resolution for the purpose of financing public infrastructure and public facility improvements for Monday, October 4, 2010 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Lanesboro Memorial Community Center, second Dybing, motion carried.

COMMITTEES:

N/A

HOUSEKEEPING:

PU Paying of the bills:

Schuck made a motion to pay the bills as presented, second Evenson, motion carried.

Past Due Bills / Cut Offs:

Vickerman noted that past due bills are the lowest they have been for a while.

Dam / Hydro:

Vickerman reported that the USDA is waiting for SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) to respond to the environmental review and that Bonestroo the engineer is completely another form that has been requested.

AT&T Cell Tower:

Vickerman reported that AT&T is still exploring the site to the West of the water tower. Mayor Rahn asked Vickerman to contact property owners to hear their thoughts on the tower in that area. She noted she would bring back information at the next meeting.

PU Roof Bids:

Vickerman read aloud the quotes from WHV and Schultz Builders. Evenson asked if there was a warranty on the Schultz bid, to which Vickerman said that one was not stated. The question also arose of the type of metal roof, if it would be compliant with the zoning ordinance. Evenson asked Vickerman to look into the Schultz Builders' bid to see what the warranty would be.

School Conservation Improvement Credit:

Vickerman stated that the School had recently invested in some efficient lighting in two areas of the school. She said based on past credits; that the lighting project would qualify for a credit of \$652. Vickerman asked the Utilities Commission to approve a rebate to the school for that amount. Evenson made a motion to approve the credit, second Schuck, motion carried.

Cell Phones:

Vickerman noted that last week she had difficulty reaching Jim Peterson due to reading meters and with staffing needed to get a hold of him. She noted that he does not want to purchase a cell phone but will carry a company cell phone if required. She asked the

Council and Public Utilities Commission to consider a stipend for those that use their phones continually for business use and to provide Jim Peterson a phone. She was asked to bring back information from other communities.

November Council Meeting:

Vickerman asked to have the November meeting changed from the 1st to the 8th, so that the Council can canvass the election results. Jeannette made a motion to move the meeting, second Dybing, motion carried.

ADJOURN:

With no further business at 6:24 p.m., Jeannette made motion to adjourn, second Allen, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk